

# Eastwood Community School

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter sent home yesterday and texts you should have received last night about the Government's new instructions to the Nation, please find below some additional information regarding how we are following this here at school. If you are not receiving texts from school, please ring the office to check the contact details we have for you are correct.

Both ourselves and our Trust have been keeping the impact of Coronavirus on the staffing situation under close scrutiny. Today, we have reluctantly reached the conclusion that, as a result of staff shortages, we will be closing our Pre-School and Nursery settings from Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will review this decision daily and will keep you informed of any changes. We hope to be able to re-open both year groups as soon as we have enough staff to do so. Please keep checking texts and our school website for updates.

We would advise all our Pre-School and Nursery parents to continue accessing the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 website (<https://bradford.50thingstodo.org/>) which has lots of ideas for activities you can do at home with your children.

The CBeebies website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>) is also very good, as is Fisher Price play <https://play.fisher-price.com>.

We would encourage you to read lots with your children too and enjoy the opportunity to spend lots of quality time together. Activities such as colouring, drawing, cutting and sticking are excellent practice for them, as is baking and we would encourage lots of singing – nursery rhymes are great and easy to find on the internet. Jolly Phonics do a series of songs about each letter sound and we use these in school. These can be found through Youtube to enjoy with your child at home.

This is a challenging and stressful time for us all, and we are very aware of the impact that partially closing the school has on families, please be assured this is not a decision we have taken lightly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Carter,  
Headteacher.

